

Insider-Express.

FEMINA - NORTH DAKOTA.

If you preach a lofty ideal be careful to live up to it yourself.

When Poverty is hitched to the chariot Love gets out and walks.

If Schwab is fooling around Monte Carlo this time he must be doing it in disguise.

The man who prophesied that the big coal strike would end Sept. 15 was also wrong.

King Edward is out of the hands of the physicians, that is so far as taking medicine is concerned.

The man who put carbolic acid on a corn and has now lost his toe has discovered one cure all right.

Think what a lot of precious wood was burned in those devastating forest fires in the far northwest!

The automobile and the Adirondack deer hunter are running a close race in the man-killing contest just now.

The shah's hotel bill in Paris was \$1,333 a day. The hotel people must have wished that he would stay all winter.

King Alfonso of Spain is only a slip of a boy, but he has already made Sarah Bernhardt jealous in the advertising line.

The fire fiend can destroy more valuable timber in one forward movement than the wood pulp fiend can chew up in ten years.

The announcement that the Castellanes will make another effort to pay their debts is probably causing a panic in the Gould family.

Japan is pressing after the trade of Siberia. Somehow the nursery tales of "the bear'll get you" don't frighten the little brown man.

Sir Thomas Lipton announces that he has his new yacht well in hand. That is better luck than he had with either of his old ones.

The announcement is made that American dressmakers will invade Europe. At last our triumph is complete and our revenge sweet.

The Italian government has decided to cut off a lot of useless titles. Hope it won't affect the number and quality of the New York counts.

A New York man who has tried it says: "Let gambling alone. There's nothing in it." He's wrong. There is a good deal in it for the other fellow.

The smart set dismisses Henry Watterson by contemptuously declaring that he is mad because he couldn't get in. This is an easy way out of it.

The news that Lali Sung, the caddie champion of China, is spreading the civilizing influences of golf ought to remove all fear of any more Boxer outbreaks.

The dressmakers have decided that ready-made corsets are bad form. If the big corset factories have to close it will be a terrible blow to some of the magazines.

The French minister of finance threatens the porte with abandonment of the conversion of the Ottoman debt. It's the conversion of the Ottoman that is chiefly needed.

They are mining coal in Alaska. And, during previous winters, we have been accustomed to feel sorry for the people of Alaska. It looks now as if we would be envious.

A man in Oregon claims to have invented an iceless refrigerator. Now if he will invent a coalless stove and a fireless furnace that will do good work, his name shall be great in the land.

The Chicago lady who started to clean her gloves with gasoline is now pondering seriously whether the saving on a pair of fifty-cent gloves can be set off against the loss on a \$10,000 building.

A French poet has refused to pay taxes and hopes thus to embarrass the government. In any other country a poet who had enough property to pay taxes on would consider himself very lucky.

"The minister who on a certain Sunday prayed for rain," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "didn't make much of a hit with his congregation, for the reason that he himself left his umbrella at home."

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan says he would not pose for a photograph for \$5,000,000. Unfortunately, there are only a few public men who can afford to imitate Mr. Morgan's example.

There will be no uprising in Spain if Don Carlos can prevent it. His best plan would be to get a United States warship to anchor in Spanish waters.

A Philadelphian has finally succeeded in running down and killing a man with his automobile. The future of the automobile is now secure.

HOPE DASHED OUT

CONFERENCE THAT PROMISED SOLUTION OF STRIKE IS A FIZZLE.

OPERATORS ARE OBSTINATE

WILL RESIST DEMANDS OF THE MINERS' UNION TO THE BITTER END.

STRONG PRESSURE IS BROUGHT

THREE SENATORS AND GOV. ODELL TRY PERSUASIVE MEASURES.

New York, Oct. 11.—Replete at its opening with promise of a solution of the long-drawn-out struggle between the United Mineworkers of America and the operators of the anthracite properties in Pennsylvania, yesterday closed without apparent appreciable progress toward an agreement upon the issues in controversy. Most noteworthy of the day's events was a conference at the office of Senator T. C. Platt, at which there were present the governor of New York and nearly all the heads of the big corporations controlling the anthracite fields. In all seeming this conference had a contrary effect to that which had been hoped for it, and the operators departed declaring adherence to the policy they have followed from the first of resisting the demands of the miners' union to the bitter end. There were other conferences during the day in which President Mitchell and people of more or less consequence in the industrial world participated, but these, so far as information goes, were barren of results as the principal meeting. In brief, there has been no change in the situation, so far as it might have been affected by the gathering in New York of labor leaders, mine operators and public men.

Was Without Result. From what may be described as an inside and authoritative source, it may be announced that the conference at the office of Senator Platt was absolutely without result, the operators refusing to consider the political aspect of the situation and maintaining the position that the question was one between employer and employe as to the management of the properties concerned.

The story of the day really centers about the meeting held in the afternoon in Senator Platt's office. Present at this meeting were Gov. Odell, Senators Quay and Penrose of Pennsylvania, Senator Platt, President Olyphant of the Delaware & Hudson, President Fowler of the Ontario & Western, President Truesdale of the Lackawanna, Chairman Thomas of the Erie, John Markie, representing the independent operators; David Wilcox, vice president and general counsel of the Delaware & Hudson; David Lamar and Edward Lauterbach. At the conclusion of the meeting none present would say what had taken place or whether any solution to the strike trouble had been reached.

Mr. Lauterbach went back and forth from the office during the conference, and made a trip to J. P. Morgan's office. He did not see Mr. Morgan. He then went back to the conference room. Mr. Lauterbach replied to questions by saying that appearances looked very hopeful for a speedy settlement of the strike. He said he had seen President Mitchell Wednesday night and that he seemed disposed to act with a spirit of fairness.

The conference ended at 4:30 o'clock. President Fowler was the first to leave, the other operators following him. The coal road presidents referred all inquiries to the senators and Gov. Odell.

"I've nothing to say; there is nothing to be said," was Gov. Odell's answer to a question.

Senator Quay likewise had nothing to say.

Senator Platt was the last to leave his office.

"I don't think I can say anything," he said. "I am too tired. There will be further meeting. That is all I can say at present."

Although President Mitchell apparently had no part in the conference between the senators and the operators his actions were anxiously awaited. Early in the day he was joined at the Ashland house by ex-State Senator Moses W. Solomon of Chicago. The Chicagoan has so far refused to disclose his mission, saying he was merely a messenger.

During the morning Mr. Mitchell had a long conference with his three district presidents. Afterward District President Nichols had this to say: "Unless the demands of the strikers are granted in full I do not see how President Mitchell can settle the strike without calling a convention. If only a part of the demands are granted that would render it necessary to call a convention and that would take two weeks at least."

IS STILL DETERMINED.

President Roosevelt Not Discouraged by Mitchell's Reply. Washington, Oct. 11.—The letter of President Mitchell expressing regret that he could not comply with the president's request to have the miners return to work was given out from the White House yesterday morning, and is the afternoon Secretary Root

BAER CALLED DOWN

GOV. ODELL SHARPLY RESENTS AFFRONT OFFERED BY COAL OPERATOR.

AN AS BULLHEADED AS EVER.

OPERATORS DETERMINED NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE MINERS' UNION.

GOV. ODELL WILL FIND A REMEDY.

MAKES A PROPOSITION WHICH IS TURNED DOWN, BUT WILL KEEP AT IT.

CONFERENCE AT DETROIT.

Big Bunch of Suggestions Handed Out to President Roosevelt. Detroit, Oct. 11.—The 135 delegates representing eleven states who attended the interstate conference on the coal situation here yesterday adopted resolutions after much debate urging the president to institute civil proceedings looking to the enforcement of the interstate commerce act against the coal companies and criminal proceedings against their officers; petitioning the governor of Pennsylvania to call a special session of the legislature of that state to condemn all the coal carrying roads and sufficient of the mines to supply the demands of the people. Further, the resolution petitions the president to call a special session of the house of representatives and to recommend the appointment of a committee with full power to investigate the cause of the strike and to place the blame therefor. A supplemental resolution offered by Judge Frank E. Garvin of Indianapolis was also adopted and ordered attached to the main resolutions. It urges the president to at once institute proceedings to dissolve "the present combination of the coal operators" and to have a receiver appointed to operate the mines. The supplemental report urges a special session of congress if it is impossible at present for the president to take action.

CITY ON QUI VIVE.

Street Car Strike at New Orleans Grows Graver Every Hour. New Orleans, Oct. 11.—The street car strike situation in this city is becoming more grave with every hour. There was no violence of any note yesterday, but there was a feeling of impending trouble all day. Gov. Heard arrived last night and immediately consulted a number of gentlemen on the situation. He met the mayor, Adjt. Gen. Hummel, Maj. Glynn, Attorney General Guion, Speaker of the House Sanders, Secretary Hester of the cotton exchange and several members of his staff. After reviewing the situation he went at 9 o'clock to a meeting of the public safety committee in the cotton exchange, where he was closeted for several hours. The governor is being urged by the business men to endeavor to settle the trouble without a resort to the armed force of the state. He will decide on his course after the conference with the committee of safety.

Out of 1,600 militiamen in the city at 6 o'clock last night 700 had been reported at the Armories or been brought in by corporals. Aside from the difficulty of getting the men together, many of them do not want to go on this service and are hiding. They claim they have friends and relatives among the strikers and they do not want to be called upon to shoot them down.

The street car company made no attempt to run cars yesterday. The strikers and their sympathizers massed at Canal and Galvez streets to the number of 2,500 and waited patiently all day for the first car to come out. Toward evening they set upon two strangers who were sight-seeing. William Connors and John Lynch, walking out Canal street, asked some one to direct them to the car barn. The strikers took them for non-union men and beat them badly. A patrol wagon came along and the men were rescued after the police used their clubs. There are now fifty non-union men, most of them from Chicago at the Canal street barn, and more are coming by every train.

NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Gen. T. J. Stewart of Pennsylvania is Now Head of G. A. R. Washington, Oct. 11.—The grand Army got down to business yesterday and the encampment of the order, besides hearing an address from Commander-in-Chief Torrance and reports from a number of officers and committees, elected a new head for the ensuing year. The new commander-in-chief is Gen. T. J. Stewart of Pennsylvania, who was a leading candidate for the honor a year ago. His competitors yesterday were Gen. John C. Black of Illinois, a former commissioner of pensions, and Col. John McElroy of this city. The name of Gen. Daniel Sickles of New York city was presented to the convention but he withdrew from the race. William M. Olin of Massachusetts was elected vice commander-in-chief, and James M. Averill of Georgia, junior vice commander-in-chief. Aside from the election of these officers the most interesting feature of the encampment was the report of the pension committee of the G. A. R. This committee severely scored the medical division of the pension bureau, declaring that it was a dead line where were executed the claims of veterans seeking pensions. It accused the personnel of this division of approaching the reports of the examining surgeons throughout the country with suspicion and distrust, and as made in bad faith. It denounced the reports that extensive frauds were practiced in pension claims as absolutely baseless.

The man who goes all the galts will become unshaped after a while.

MYTHIST IN TOILS

REMARKABLE SERIES OF PROGRESSIVE SWINDLES IN CHICAGO.

VICTIMS BY THE THOUSANDS.

CHICAGO MAN CHARGED WITH TAKING PEOPLE'S MONEY UNLAWFULLY.

REALIZES A BIG FORTUNE.

CREATES MYTHICAL MILLIONAIRE, WHOM HE SETS POLICE AFTER.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Search for a missing millionaire who, not satisfied with his own vast fortune, was said to have embezzled \$385,000 from a Chicago concern, came to an abrupt stop yesterday when the government secret service men discovered that no such person as F. M. Bartlett, the man they had been seeking, ever existed.

There was an arrest, nevertheless, and John H. Dalton, North side politician and saloonkeeper, was taken into custody by a deputy United States marshal. Dalton, who has been under arrest on similar charges before, was taken on a capias issued immediately after the federal grand jury had returned a true bill charging him with misuse of the mails.

The story told the grand jury revealed a clever swindle by which Dalton is said to have realized several hundred thousand dollars. Thus far more than 5,600 victims have been found and they lost amounts varying from \$5 to \$500.

Among These Victims

are numbered some of the largest newspapers in the country. Three years ago Dalton organized the International Aural Clinic and began to advertise to cure deafness by mail. Money came in so rapidly that Dalton decided to add another branch to his establishment. This he christened the United States Distillers' Distributing company. This second organization advertised to send four bottles of whiskey to any address upon receipt of \$3.50.

Hundreds bit at this bait, too. The "whisky" was a decoction put up by Dalton, and was made of high wines and flavoring and coloring extracts, it is charged. This company also advertised "whisky certificates" for sale at a price so low that no saloonkeeper who thought he was wise refused to buy them. These certificates set forth that a certain quantity of whisky, as described on the document, would be delivered to the bearer of the certificate upon payment of \$1.10 per gallon. For a time

Business Was Slack

with the United States Distilling company and the International Aural Clinic, and Dalton organized the Independent Advertising agency. It had offices in the Schiller building, and Louis Ogle was president and Dalton was secretary and treasurer. The agency sent letters to nearly every newspaper in the country, offering to place the advertising of the United States Distillers' Distribution company and the International Aural Clinic, provided terms could be agreed upon.

This was last December, and big advertisements of the two concerns began to appear in newspapers all over the country. The result was a stream of letter, every one containing money for "whisky" or the

Cure for Deafness.

poured into the two establishments. This continued until the beginning of April, when bills for the advertising began to come in. They were not paid. Instead, President Ogle announced in a letter which showed paths in every line, that the bills could not be paid. He explained that in January Mr. Dalton had retired from the agency, disposing of all his stock and holdings to Mr. F. M. Bartlett, a New York millionaire. Because Mr. Bartlett was a man of such great wealth no watch was kept on his books, which he, as treasurer, had sole access to. On March 25, as President Ogle said, he found Bartlett missing. With him, he said, had gone \$385,000.

Then he went to Harrison street police station and swore out a warrant charging Mr. Bartlett with embezzling \$26,000.

Search for the missing millionaire was begun, but it had not gone far before the government officials found no such person as Bartlett ever existed. Other detectives were not so wise, and not until the grand jury's indictment of Dalton became known did they cease their search for the mythical millionaire.

CHILD VICTIM DEAD.

Another Death Due to Manitoba School Teacher. Winnipeg, Oct. 11.—An Altoona dispatch says one of the girls shot by School Teacher Towes has since died. The murderer is himself alive, but he and the two Kehler children and Trustee Rempel cannot possibly live, according to the reports of the doctors in attendance. Towes was brought to the Winnipeg general hospital for treatment.

Blaze at Fergus Falls.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Oct. 11.—John Adamson's plumbing establishment on Court street was destroyed by fire, the blaze originating in a pile of rubbish in the rear. The fire also scorched the Manhattan department store, and the goods were considerably damaged by smoke and water.

Engineer Fatally Injured.

Chokio, Minn., Oct. 11.—William Lapt, engineer of a threshing machine, was caught in the fly wheel here and fatally injured.

MONSTER GROCERY COMBINE.

Entire Grocery Trade Will Be United Under One Head.

St. Louis, Oct. 11.—The Interstate Grocer of St. Louis says a combine, to include every wholesaler of groceries in the United States is in the course of formation. The paper will say: "The details of the plan are not yet public property. They will not be until after Nov. 5 next, when the initial steps toward forming the combination will be taken in Detroit. George D. Hanford of New York city is engineering the deal. In a few days the entire wholesale grocers trade of the United States will receive invitations to this meeting. Already a large number of the leading wholesale grocers in the East have been personally seen by Mr. Hanford or his representatives, and nearly all of them have expressed a willingness to be present."

CHOPPED BY A MANIAC.

Boy Crazed by Mental Over-Exertion, Kills His Mother and Sisters. Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 11.—While laboring under mental aberration, the result of the strain of perfecting an appliance for an air brake for which applications are pending at the patent office in Washington, D. C., Charles Cawley, a seventeen-year-old boy of Homestead, Pa., killed his mother and one sister and fatally injured four other children. He also tried to kill his two older brothers, but was detected, overpowered and turned over to the police. The weapon used was an axe, with which he crushed and hacked his victims beyond recognition.

SCATTERED ALONG THE TRACK.

Man Cut into Bits by a Train on the Northwestern. Menominee, Mich., Oct. 11.—The body of an unknown man was discovered yesterday morning strewn along the Northwestern railroad track in this city. Hair, teeth and bones were scattered over half a mile. One hand and one foot were found 200 yards from the trunk. Identification was impossible. The man had been dressed in overalls, dark coat and hat and had red hair. He is thought to be a stranger who was hanging around the station last night and to have been intoxicated.

HIS LIFE A FAILURE.

Made and Lost Four Fortunes, and Then Committed Suicide. New York, Oct. 11.—Having made and lost four fortunes and finding himself broken in health and almost penniless at the age of seventy, Chas. W. Lewis, a well known promoter and member of a leading Fifth avenue club, has ended his life with morphine. He was a native of England and has no relatives here.

MONTGOMERY WARD WINS.

Chicago Lake Front Is Preserved for Park Purposes. Chicago, Oct. 10.—Montgomery Ward has won his long fight for the preservation of the entire lake front for park purposes, the supreme court of Illinois having denied a rehearing of the case. Attorneys for both sides consider the question as settled and the litigation ended.

The whole tract from Randolph street to Park row, and from Michigan avenue to the harbor line, or breakwater, is thus secured permanently for a park and the erection of any building in the area is prohibited.

Sharkey Out on Bail.

New York, Oct. 10.—Thomas J. Sharkey, who is charged with being responsible for the death of Nicholas Flah, banker, and who is under indictment for manslaughter in the first degree, has been released on \$7,500 bail by Recorder Goff, after three weeks' imprisonment. Originally the amount of bail was fixed at \$15,000.

Cannon Falls Bakery Burns.

Cannon Falls, Minn., Oct. 11.—The Andrews bakery on Main street was gutted by fire. The fire originated from a gasoline stove. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Potato Crop Failure.

Rudd, Iowa, Oct. 11.—The potato crop, which is very important in this vicinity, is almost a failure.